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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AT CLARK AND SUBIC

1. I MET AUGUST 15 WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECDEF FLIAKAS AND RADAM SEARS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT CLARK AND SUBIC. MR. FLIAKAS EXPLAINED TO ME ACTION BY CONGRESS RE 1976 MILCON REQUESTS AND ALSO FACT THAT UNOBLIGATED 1975 FUNDS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED. HE ASKED MY VIEWS ON BOTH ON (A) UNFREEZING 1975 FUNDS AND (B) INCLUDING PHILIPPINE PROJECTS IN 1977 REQUEST.

2. IT IS MY VIEW, AS EXPRESSED TO MR. FLIAKAS, THAT USG AND GOP WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUED U.S. UTILIZATION OF BOTH CLARK AND SUBIC. THEREFORE, I CONSIDER THAT IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE TO UNFREEZE 1975 CONSTRUCTION MONEY FOR BOTH THOSE FACILITIES.

3. MOREOVER, SINCE MUCH OF MONEY INVOLVED IS EARMARKED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF ON-BASE HOUSING, I FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID DELAYS IN RECTIFYING CURRENTLY UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS AT BOTH BASES.

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4. AS FAR AS 1977 REQUEST IS CONCERNED, I EXPRESSED HOPE
DOD WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL PHILIPPINE
CONSTRUCTION, DESPITE ACTION BY CONGRESS ON 1976 REQUEST.
MY JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS SUGGESTION IS MY STRONG FEELING
THAT IT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY DID PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH
ADEQUATE ON-BASE HOUSING SOONEST SO THAT ALL RPT ALL U.S.
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CLARK AND SUBIC CAN ACTUALLY LIVE
ON BASE. IT IS MY FEELING THAT MOST OF OUR PROBLEMS IN
BLACK-MARKETING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS FRICTION, AND OTHER
ISSUES ARISING FROM ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S.
SERVICE FAMILIES AND FILIPINOS COULD BE ELIMINATED IF
OFF-BASE HOUSING COULD BE DISCONTINUED. SULLIVAN

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